

# OUR NAVY PRESSES ATTACK ON JAPANESE

## 2ND FRONT WILL CRUSH HITLER--CIO

### Asks National Meeting With AFL on War

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The CIO Executive Board today greeted with "utmost enthusiasm" sentiments expressed by American and British war leaders that the mass bombings over Germany "are but the prelude to a speedy all-embracing offensive to carry the war to Hitler on his territory."

In telegrams to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, General Arnold and General Breton Somervell, the CIO Board said that an offensive would "crush the Nazi machine between the great powers of the armies of the United States, Great Britain and Russia."

The text of the telegram follows: "The many millions of Americans are thrilled by reports of the unprecedented mass bombings of Cologne and Essen by the valiant RAF. We greet with the utmost enthusiasm the sentiments expressed by you that these bombings are but the prelude to a speedy all-embracing offensive to carry the war to Hitler on his own territory and crush the Nazi machine between the great powers of the armies of the United States, Great Britain and Russia. The workers of America have been producing and delivering, in ever increasing numbers, the tanks, planes, guns and ships to meet the needs of the United Nations. We pledge to meet any and all additional needs of the armed forces to guarantee the complete annihilation of the fascist Axis."

**JOINT CONFERENCE**  
The CIO Executive Board also called for a national conference to win the war with representation from all international unions affiliated with the CIO and the AFL.

A resolution passed unanimously at the closing session of the Board emphasized that this conference had the purpose both of extending collaboration between the CIO and the AFL and of strengthening labor participation in the war effort.

In another far-reaching resolution, the Board instructed the CIO executive officers "to take steps toward securing closer cooperation and unity of action" between the American labor movement and the trade unions of the United Nations and of Latin America.

The resolution pointed out that the war effort against the Axis can be strengthened by collaboration between the labor movements of the United Nations "in accordance with the experience of the united action which has already been achieved between the British and Soviet trade unions."

Having slapped down United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis as the most dangerous appeaser and disrupter in the ranks of labor at previous sessions, the CIO board today declared war on the defeatists and obstructionists in Congress.

**WAR ON DEFEATISTS**  
The CIO Board pledged its full support in the elections this year to candidates for the House and the Senate regardless of party who "may be relied upon to back to the full the objectives of labor and the war effort of the government, and to promote national unity."

National CIO officers were in-

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### Negro Publishers Blast Pegler as Foe of Unity

By Benjamin Davis, Jr.  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, June 5.—The elimination of racial discrimination as a for-the-war necessity and strong condemnation of defeatist Westbrook Pegler featured the opening of the 3rd annual conference of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association here today. The conference held in the Wabash

Negro editors speaking included: Carter Wesley of the Houston Informer, publishers of a newspaper chain on southwest Texas. Youthful Louis Martin of the Michigan Chronicle; Mrs. R. L. Vann of the Pittsburgh Courier; Frank L. Stanley of the Louisville Defender. All are vice-presidents of the association.

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## Hitler Sees Mannerheim: Why Don't We Act?

Hitler's demonstrative visit to his ally, the Finnish Government, shows what folly it is for us to hesitate any longer in declaring war on the Mannerheim fascists who rule Finland.

Hitler visited Mannerheim to congratulate him on his birthday. The news tells us that our American envoy in Finland also congratulated Mannerheim. Is not this an illustration of the ludicrous and dangerous position our present false "neutrality" toward Finland places us in? Our allies, Britain and the Soviet Union are at war with Finland. Why aren't we?

Mannerheim has been a fascist from way back. Today, the Finnish government is whole hog in the service of Berlin, no less than Rome or any other Axis government.

Hitler's visit to Finland means that German fascism is preparing to help the Finnish Quislings to crack down on the Finnish people for whom the war against the Soviet Union is hateful.

It also means that Berlin is going to "integrate" Finland just a little closer into the German war machine for use against the United States and Britain.

Let's not forget that American and British convoys and supply vessels pass along the Atlantic near Finland. Finland is slashing at our life-line to the Red Army. Finland is killing the soldiers and sailors of our allies in company with our deadly enemy, Berlin.

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## SURPRISE BLACKOUT A SUCCESS

### 239,000 Volunteers in 5 Boroughs Mobilized

By Harry Raymond  
The lights of New York's Great White Way—drastically dimmed by Army orders for the duration of the war—and street, home and apartment lights along 5,697 miles of New York thoroughfares went dark last night for 20 minutes in the city's first total war-time blackout.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, viewing the blackout from atop the Empire State building, declared the results were "gratifying."

"I think it is beyond expectations," he said. Promptly at 9:30 P. M. lights blinked out all over the city, but at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where Mayor LaGuardia's construction of ships is under way, lighting was permitted during the blackout.

Across the river in Queens in the area of the Pennsylvania Railroad yards, lights continued to burn during the test. Mayor LaGuardia declared that he would check the Queens situation, saying that he knew of no reason why the railroad yards should not be blacked out.

Observers atop the Empire State noted scattered violations throughout Manhattan and sections of Queens.

Viewing the blackout with the Mayor were Borough President Edgar Nathan, Jr., Manhattan; Borough President James J. Lyons, Bronx; and Borough President John Cashmore, Brooklyn. The Mayor was accompanied by Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine and Chief Inspector Louis J. Costanzo.

Mayor LaGuardia announced the surprise blackout order, giving the citizens of the five far-flung boroughs only an eight-hour notice. "There will be less notice as we

go along," said the Mayor.

Last night's blackout followed a series of borough-wide practice blackouts.

Total mobilization of all police, firemen, reserve forces and the 239,000 volunteer civilian defense workers for the city-wide blackout was ordered by the Mayor during annual exercises at City Hall for promotion of police recruits and the awarding of medals of honor to policemen and firemen.

The anti-Axis blackout went into effect over the entire 321 square miles of the world's largest city. It was a thrill. Not a light could be seen along the city's 578 miles of waterfront. New York was quiet and dark.

The only sounds that punctuated the stillness of the darkened city were the shrill blasts of the air raid warden whistles, warning householders and apartment dwellers to get the lights out.

Throughout the city, 160,000 air wardens and 56,000 auxiliary firemen mobilized to enforce the blackout order.

Earlier in the day, the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office, at City Hall, issued a call for 140,000 more volunteer workers for the civilian protection services.

### Earl Browder Writes in The Worker Tomorrow

The General Secretary of the Communist Party discusses the significance of the recent speeches of Vice President Wallace and Under Secretary of State Welles. This is one of THE articles of the year.

## Red Army Continues to Pound Nazi Lines As Both Sides Mass for Decisive Battles

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)  
MOSCOW, June 5 (UP).—Strongly reinforced Soviet air units guarding Murmansk, Arctic port of entry for American and British supplies, have razed two German air bases, destroying 40 grounded planes, dispatches from Murmansk said tonight.

Pouncing suddenly on a German airport in the Murmansk region, the Red Army airmen were credited with blowing up 25 newly arrived bombers and wrecking the base so thoroughly that it was abandoned. Fifteen planes, big fuel dumps and repair shops were shattered in another surprise attack on a neighboring German field.

Masses of men and technique, primarily tanks and aircraft. Our command in turn brought considerable forces into action. The high ratio of technique and the persistence of the belligerents lent an extremely sharp and fierce character to the battles, which undoubtedly will be true also of the forthcoming ones.

**MANEUVER DESCRIBED**  
"Our forces are incomparably stronger than last year, better armed for struggle against enemy tanks and planes, for the struggle for victory in the air and on land. It would be naive to think that technique alone can bring victory. Technique becomes terror to the enemy only when it is in skillful hands."

An interesting maneuver used by the Red Army unit in capturing a fortified village on the Kalinin Front was described in a dispatch from there.

Several strong shock detachments were formed, each with the mission of penetrating the enemy disposition during the night and engaging him within his own position. The plan succeeded and the Germans fled, leaving 150 behind them.

The next day the Germans

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## Soviet Fliers Wire RAF Congratulations

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)  
MOSCOW, June 5.—Red Army fliers through their top commanders today sent telegrams to the Chief of Staff of the Royal Air Force congratulating British airmen for their "faultless" and "brilliant" mass raids against Nazi production centers.

Commander of the Red Army Air Forces Lt. Gen. A. Novikov sent this wire to Marshal Sir Charles Portal:

"On behalf of the Red Army Air Forces I heartily congratulate you and the whole personnel of the RAF on the successes scored over Cologne and Essen in the widely-planned and brilliantly executed air operations against our common enemy—Hitlerite Germany—for whom stern retribution lies in store for its unprecedented crimes."

Air Lieutenant General A. Golovanov, Commander of the Red Army Long-Distance Bomber Command, sent this wire to Air Marshal Arthur Harris of the British Bomber Command:

"On behalf of the personnel of the Red Army Long-Distance Bomber Command please accept our congratulations on the occasion of the outstanding successes of the mass raids started by the British Bomber Command under your direct guidance on the rear of Hitlerite Germany. The faultless and effective execution of these big operations as well as the courage and skill of their participants are highly rated by our fliers who ask me to convey militant greetings to their British comrades-in-arms."

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### RAF Blasts 300 Miles of Continent Coast

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### FDR Signs Declaration Of War on Axis Puppets

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP).—President Roosevelt today signed declarations of war against Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

### Tokio Carrier, Battleship Hit Off Midway

HONOLULU, June 5 (UP).—Strong Japanese naval forces, mauled in the first round of a developing battle off Midway Island, were believed to be moving eastward today, possibly for a showdown with the United States Navy in the Hawaiian area.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, announced that the Japanese attack on Midway was beaten off by combined Navy, Army and Air Forces. They damaged a Japanese battleship and aircraft carrier, probably damaged other warships, and took a heavy toll of attacking planes.

"Our attack on the enemy is continuing," Nimitz's first communique of the war concluded.

**MAJOR BATTLE LOOMS**  
The official disclosure that Japanese battleships, cruisers and destroyers accompanied the carriers from which the air attack on Mid-

### FDR Warns Japan Against Poison Gas

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP).—President Roosevelt said today authoritative reports reaching this Government show that the Japanese have used poison gas in China, and that this Government would retaliate in kind if the Japanese persist in its use.

Mr. Roosevelt, reading to a press conference from a statement prepared for him by the State Department, said the Japanese were reported to have used "poisonous or noxious gases" against the Chinese, and that if the Japanese "persist in this inhuman form of warfare," such activities will be regarded by this Government as an action against this Government.

"Retaliation in kind and in full measure will be meted out," the President said.

"We shall be prepared to enforce complete retribution. Upon Japan will rest the responsibility."

way was launched, together with the assertion that the American forces were pressing the counter-attack indicated that a major naval battle was developing in the mid-Pacific.

The attack marked the farthest eastward penetration of the Japanese fleet since the attack on Pearl Harbor. There were indications of a major Japanese thrust against the United States supply line to Australia, which would meet the full force of American naval units in the Hawaiian area as well as the Army's land-based air power, which had been strengthened materially since Dec. 7.

The attack on Midway, cluster of coral-reef atolls and lagoons 1,140 miles northwest of Hawaii and 2,500 miles from Tokyo, followed by a day the Japanese raid on Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands, 1,653 miles north-northwest.

**OUR LOSSES NOT TOLD**

It was noteworthy that the first communique issued from the Pacific Fleet headquarters during the war contained the first mention of Japanese battleships in action since Captain Colin P. Kelly sank a battleship of the Haruna Class off the Philippines.

There was no indication of United States losses in the Midway battle other than the official statement that damage to installations there was minor, while at least one Japanese battleship and one carrier "definitely damaged and other vessels were believed to have been hit."

Reports from Australia said Allied planes sank two more Japanese submarines in Australian waters and probably a third, raising to six or seven the number destroyed by United Nations air and naval forces this week.

## Is Biddle Using FBI to Squelch Protests on Bridges Ruling?

Is Attorney General Francis Biddle using the police powers of the Department of Justice to suppress criticism of his action in ordering the deportation of Harry Bridges?

Perhaps not, but . . .

It has been said, and said again, by persons intimately connected with the radio trade in New York that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, operating in pairs according to their custom, have called upon executives of New York radio stations demanding to know whether any individual or organization has attempted to purchase radio time "in behalf of Bridges."

It is also known that William Randolph (Make-Peace-with-Hitler) Hearst's leading political columnist has attempted to intimidate in-

dividuals from protesting the Biddle ruling by asserting that the FBI is compiling a list of all persons who protest. The threat appeared in Paul Mallon's column in Hearst's Journal-American Thursday.

[Mallon's threat will fail. Hundreds of thousands have already expressed their indignation. They include prominent lawyers, professionals—people in all walks of life. Philip Murray, speaking for five million CIO workers, condemned the Biddle ruling as an attack on America's war effort. Government officials responsible for war production and getting the goods of war to our Allies—men aware of what Bridges has done to speed production on the West Coast—have expressed their amazement and indignation at the Biddle order.]

Mallon's boss Hearst is the noisiest of all the

appeaser publishers in his praise of Biddle's decision. In Washington Mallon's standing at the Department of Justice is of the best. Add it up yourself: Is Mallon speaking for Biddle when he threatens Gestapo terror against those who speak their minds on the Bridges case?

But the persistent report, echoed by numerous persons with the closest connections with the radio trade, that agents of the FBI—who are actually Biddle's employees—have conducted an inquiry of radio station executives on the Bridges case has equally serious implications.

Unless Mr. Biddle can deny it, this reported FBI intimidation can mean only one thing: That the Attorney General of the United States is using the power of his office to nullify and defy the Constitution of the United States he has sworn to defend "against all enemies."



# Nazis Murder Czech Women to Cow Underground Revolts

In their maddened and frightened vengeance for the death of Heydrich "The Hangman," the Gestapo has murdered 28 Czech women.

Even children have been shot among the 200 victims who have already died since Monday.

Nazi gunmen can blow the brains of children to pieces with a heavy revolver, or riddle the breast of a woman with bullets, and feel no qualms.

An unspeakable new type of human killer is abroad in Europe, in the world, today.

Yet there is a special meaning for the world in the unusual number of women victims in the Czechoslovakia bloodbath.

The Nazis are learning to fear the women of Czechoslovakia. They are learning to fear even the children.

For, it is being borne in on them that in the women of Europe they face a new army of guerrilla fighters, ready to defy any danger, to deal blows at the Swastika Swine.

Women are taking places in the front ranks of Europe's underground war against Hitlerism. They are the new soldiers. And they are even training their children to be soldiers, dealing wounds and death to the German army of conquest.

Czech women, like the Soviet women, are becoming masters in the arts of underground warfare.

They are leaders in the war, shrinking from no peril, ready to pay the full price, up to death.

Often, it has been the women who have been the first to step into the arena of the battle against the Nazi police. They have trodden where others could not go, or feared to go. They have fought Hitler's brutes in the spirit of the young Soviet heroine who has won mankind's acclaim by shooting no less than 200 German soldiers.

America's women have a duty to their dauntless Czech sisters in this hour of their glory. Our women's organization should officially proclaim to the world their resolve to avenge the Czech women who sink riddled by bullets of the Nazi firing squads. Our government should issue a similar proclamation. American women too have known what it is to take up weapons to destroy the enemies of their homes.

## Japanese Repulsed in East China; Lose 8,000



**Chinese Move to Escape Bomb:** Summer bombing weather so these Chinese citizens of Chengtu, important industrial and educational center in Free China, are evacuating the city.

CHUNGKING, June 5 (UP).—Chinese troops have hurled the Japanese back from the railway and air base town of Chuhsien, killing or wounding 8,000 of them—3,000 with bayonets—and have recaptured a nearby village in the bloodiest day of fighting in east China in two years, it was announced tonight.

The battle raged all day Thursday, a communique said, and was heaviest south and southeast of Chuhsien where the Chinese advanced with bayonets following an artillery barrage and took the village of Lingshangchen. Casualties yesterday were reported heavier than on any one day of the Changsha campaign of last winter, in which Japanese losses were estimated at from 65,000 to 80,000.

Meanwhile, "very spirited fighting" continued on the Kiangsi Province front, about 175 miles southwest of Chuhsien, and along the Canton-Hankow Railway in Kwangtung Province north of Canton.

On the Yunnan Province front in west China, the communique said, Chinese troops have crushed a new Japanese drive and crushed a new Japanese attempt to cross the Salween River.

The Chinese in Chekiang Province, in which Chuhsien is located, were opposing a Japanese drive westward to seize airfields of value to the Allies for bombing raids on Japan, 700 miles to the northeast. The Chinese have withstood constant battering by reinforced Japanese columns which had the support of warplanes.

The Japanese attacked the defense periphery of Chuhsien throughout yesterday behind an extremely heavy artillery barrage, the communique said. The Chinese laid down equally stiff barrages as the Japanese infantry approached. Then they charged with bayonets and drove them back.

Chinese mobile units along the enemy communication lines between Chuhsien and Hangchow, 120 miles to the northeast, continued successfully to storm supply columns, the communique said.

### Navy Announces 2 More Ships Sunk in Atlantic

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP).—The Navy today announced the sinking of a medium-sized Norwegian and a medium-sized Dutch merchant ship in the Atlantic. The Norwegian vessel also was shelled by the submarine which fired the torpedoes, the Navy said.

Survivors on both ships have been landed at an East Coast port.



**Kharkov Front:** Soviet tanks blast away at Nazi positions and cover the advance of Red Army infantry who move up to cut down German troops. This picture was radioed from Moscow to London and flown here by Clipper plane.

## RAF Blasts 300-Mile Enemy Coastline

LONDON, June 5 (UP).—A thousand RAF fighters and bombers rained over a 300-mile stretch of the west European coast from dawn to dusk today, blasting and strafing German submarine lairs, docks and airports in such great force that German fighter planes seldom rose to challenge them.

They rained blows on the U-boat base at Ostend, Belgium, swept with terrific force along the invasion coast between Dunkirk and Calais, and on south to the German-occupied port of Le Havre and airdromes in Brittany.

Hundreds of fighter planes set the pace in the morning, and scores of American-built Boston (Douglas) bombers joined the show in the afternoon.

Six German and six RAF planes were shot down, all of them fighters. Although its great fleet of long range bombers was grounded Thursday night, smaller bombers and fighters were out much of the night attacking the docks of Dieppe and airfields in Holland. Heavy explosions lasting almost until dawn could be heard in the direction of the French coast by watchers in southeast England. Then at sunrise the great aerial circus began a new performance.

### U.S. Offers Lend-Lease Aid to Dutch, Norway

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP).—The United States today extended its lend-lease activities by offering to include the Netherlands and Norway in a master agreement similar to the ones previously accepted by Great Britain and China.

### Cologne Paper Admits Havee in RAF Raid

STOCKHOLM, June 5 (UP).—An issue of the Cologne newspaper, Keilsche Zeitung, first to reach Sweden since the British devastation raid last Saturday, said the whole center of the town was in ruins.

"In one night the British completely changed the face of the town so well known to us," it said. "It is true that the devastation was enormous. Much of what was inseparable from Cologne has gone forever."

"Whole quarters offer the same sight: empty window frames, ruins and broken facades."

The newspaper said there were many wrecked buildings near the Rhine embankment, between the Hohenzollern bridge and the suspension bridge.

## Free French Push Back Axis in Libya

CAIRO, June 5 (UP).—Free French troops have hurled back another Axis stab at Bir Hacheim, a desert citadel 50 miles southwest of Tobruk, aided by a British attack on the enemy rear, and the RAF has shot down nine more planes and sunk a large cargo ship in the Libyan war theatre, it was announced today.

The attack on Bir Hacheim was the fourth of the week-old flare-up in Libyan hostilities, and like those before it was supported by strong formations of planes, mostly Junkers dive-bombers.

British and Indian troops assailed the rear of the Axis force, which included some of Col. Gen. Erwin Rommel's tanks, while the Free French fought off the frontal attack. RAF fighters intercepted two enemy air formations and in the ensuing battle in the brilliant desert sky shot down six Junkers 87s, one German Messerschmitt fighter and two Italian Fiat C.R.-42 fighter biplanes, a communique said.

The communique said that RAF torpedo planes breasted the fire of an enemy destroyer and air escort to sink a big merchantman in the eastern Mediterranean Wednesday night while bombers blasted the Axis landing grounds at Tmimi and Derna in Libya for the second successive night.

## Nazis Land on Soviet Field--Not by Mistake

MOSCOW, June 5.—Two Messerschmitt 109-F fighter planes recently landed on a Soviet air base. Their pilots stepped out and calmly announced that they were tired of fighting against Russians because they considered Germany's defeat inevitable. Both planes were in excellent condition, carried plenty of gasoline and had full stores of ammunition.

One was a 1942 model with serial number 13,233, while the other was a 1941 model with serial number 7,645.

Corporal Adelbert Kuhn of the Ninth Detachment of the Third Group of the Third Fighter Squadron, one of the pilots, told his captors that his airframe had been blasted daily by Red Air Force planes since May 26.



By a Veteran Commander

(AS OF JUNE 4th)

The Japanese have raided Midway Island and have suffered considerable damage to their warships and planes. Details are not yet available. The fact that the attack followed the forays against Dutch Harbor, Alaska, seems to prove our contention that the latter were not simply face-saving gestures, but formed a part of an aggressive plan. This plan might mean an attempt to isolate the USA from the USSR by means of establishment of Japanese air and sea bases from Bering Strait down to Midway. A Japanese "ceordon sanitaire" would thus stretch from Nome to the eastern Himalayas, completely cutting off the American Continent from the Continent of Eurasia, at least from the East. It seems logical that these Japanese attacks could presage a shifting of operations north of the Tropic of Cancer, much closer to the Arctic Circle.

The task force which raided Midway included not only carriers, but battleships and cruisers which means that this was no demonstration, but an attempt to attack in force. The fact that the defenders damaged a battleship and a carrier seems to show that the defense of Midway had been strengthened considerably.

As we remarked once, operations in Burma continue, "monsoon or no monsoon." The Japanese have reached the border of Imphal, some 200 miles northwest of Mandalay, an unheralded advance of about 100 miles. It is clear that they must have been close enough to the Assam Road to make even this last life-trickle to China impracticable. They might be planning to cut off the narrow tongue of northeastern Assam which juts out between Burma and Tibet and through which the Assam Road passes (along the Brahmaputra, see 3-G, page 27, Hammond World Atlas).

The Chinese continue to defend the Chushien area most stubbornly and the Japanese are having no easy time.

In Libya Imperial forces have repulsed two Axis attacks against their fortified line, which stretches from Ain el Gazala to Bir Hacheim and which was originally breached approximately in the center by Rommel's panzers. The question now is—will Rommel use the breach to retire or to counter-attack? We venture to guess that he will do both: he will try another all-out attack and then will be forced back.

The air offensive of the RAF against Germany was interrupted by inclement weather, although day raids against France were being carried on. Now Cologne, Essen and Bremen have "got it." Dusseldorf might be next and probably Berlin when the U. S. bombers are ready for a concerted onslaught of 2,000-3,000 planes.

There is nothing to add to what was said yesterday about the Eastern Front. The Leningrad Front will bear watching in the near future.

## Anti-Soviet Tirade Marks Ankara Trial

ANKARA, June 5.—A red-baiting tirade from the prosecutor and a court denial of the right of the defendants marked the resumption of hearings here in the case of two Russians charged with an attempt on the life of Franz von Papen, Nazi Ambassador to Turkey and Hitler's ace diplomatic trouble-shooter.

The Turkish prosecutor apparently forgot his role entirely and not once in his long summation mentioned the name of his client.

Instead he heaped Goebbels-like invectives upon the defendants, Pavlov and Kornilov, and made a number of hostile attacks upon the Soviet Union.

When the defendants asked the right to address the court in their native Russian and to submit for translation the written texts of their speech, the court upheld the prosecutor's objection and ordered the defendants to submit the written texts of their statements in the Turkish language within six days.

### SIDESWIPEs by del



Nazi War Correspondent: "Our successes are mounting by the hour!"

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## Rumanians Afraid to Use Soviet Prisoners

ANKARA, June 5.—Both Hitler and the Nazi puppet regime in Rumania are confronted with a perplexing dilemma—they desperately need to use Soviet war prisoners to help cultivate Rumanian food crops and at the same time they are afraid of the influence the Soviet citizens would have on native peasants.

The issue was brought to a head this spring. Frightful casualties among Rumanian soldiers caused a grave shortage of agricultural labor. The Nazis shipped tractors to Rumania, but Rumanians, accustomed to the most backward agricultural methods, could not use them.

The Nazis ordered the Rumanian government to use Russian prisoners in the fields. The Antonescu government resisted the Nazi order because, they said, of the "undesirable influence" the Russians and Ukrainians, possessing utmost skill in modern farming methods, would have on the Rumanians.

No "satisfactory" solution has been reached. At present Soviet war prisoners are used only in specified districts which are virtually quarantined from the rest of the country.

### Vichy Rushing Desert Railway

VICHY, June 5 (UP).—French engineers, with German urging and the help of native laborers, are pushing the Trans-Sahara Railway toward Dakar, strategic South Atlantic port, at the rate of 1,000 yards a day.

The railroad will have a tremendous economic value in helping Vichy France feed its population with the produce of the rich African colonies, but as great as its commercial value is, its military worth is even greater. (Free French military experts have frequently pointed out the possibility that Germany would seize Dakar for a thrust at Brazil.)

## Nazis Fly Higher--To Escape Soviets; Kill Own Flyers Forced to Bale Out

By Lt. Col. N. Denisov  
(Soviet Military Analyst)  
(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, June 5.—Since the beginning of the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union Hitler's airmen have constantly revised their combat tactics.

At first the purpose of these changes was to maintain air superiority over the Soviet force. Later—especially this spring—the Nazis' tactical experiments have sought to regain the air superiority they had meanwhile lost.

A study of the main phases of changing Nazi air tactics forms an interesting commentary on the course of the war.

Goering is not only losing confidence in the invincibility of his Luftwaffe but is becoming panicky over the growing demoralization of his pilots. A Nazi pilot taken captive reveals that the fat and fearful Goering has issued orders to his air units, especially fighting formations, that they are to riddle the bodies of Nazi pilots forced to bale out to prevent them from being taken prisoners.

Last summer the German Command used more than half of its air strength for operations deep in the interior. Today the main efforts of the German air squadrons

and groups are directed towards closer cooperation with their land troops.

The simultaneous use of a considerable number of aircraft for operations on the front and raids deep in the interior is a task incommensurable with the Luftwaffe. That is why the Germans are striving to achieve temporary superiority over the battle field and in the immediate rear.

On decisive sectors the density was known to reach at times 25 planes per kilometer of front, whereas single scouting planes or bombers were dispatched for operations deep in the interior. This high aircraft saturation is achieved by the Nazis primarily by means of maneuvering their forces between airdromes.

Air Sergeant Major Friedrich Jacobl who was taken prisoner testified that following the completion of operations in the Crimea, their squadron was ordered to another direction.

Observations at one sector of the front have shown that quite frequently the fascists do not dispatch fighters to accompany their bombers, resorting instead to a new tactical method of protection.

first the OGC consisting chiefly of Messerschmitts 109 which in a number of cases are also used for attack. These fighter-attack planes, concentrate mainly on attacking Soviet troops, dive-bombing, machine-gunning. Modernized fighters of Messerschmitts 109 EF type constitute the second category of fighters whose aim is to engage the Soviet patrol planes before the appearance of German bombers. Messerschmitt 110 planes make up the third category of German fighters used for accompanying bombers and for independent raids on Soviet airdromes.

In air engagements the fascists use as a rule a great number of fighters operating in groups of 8 to 12 and sometimes even 20 planes. On certain days 20 to 25 air battles daily are observed on sectors of the front of 20 to 25 kilometers.

As compared with last year, operations of German fighters this spring are distinguished by some interesting features. Soviet fighters recently brought down a German plane and took prisoner Pilot Oberleutnant Paul Zimmerer. "Our task," he said, "consists mainly in locating single planes a distance of 50 to 60 kilometers from the front line."

Nazi method and is carried out by two airmen: The pilot, appointed leader, is usually accompanied by an officer—an experienced pilot and fascist party member. This, according to Zimmerer is intended to make the less reliable pilots feel constant control over them. Zimmerer also told about Goering's order to air units, particularly fighter formations, specifying that pilots who bale out with parachutes must be shot to prevent their being taken prisoner.

Two more important features in German spring air tactics are worth mentioning. This relates firstly to the considerably higher altitude of flight. Firearms extensively used against aircraft by Soviet infantry compel the German pilots to climb higher. Bombing raids are now made chiefly from an altitude of 2,500 to 3,500 meters as compared with 1,000 to 1,200 meters in the past.

Secondly, a number of cases was observed when German bombers defended themselves against Soviet fighters by dropping small time bombs attached to miniature parachutes which are drawn by the air wave behind the plane's tail. This serves to protect the plane's rear against Soviet fighter attacks while the upper hemisphere is covered by machinegun fire.

At present this is the favorite



# Ad Clique Blocks Anti-Inflation Publicity---And Gets Away With It

The government's efforts to explain its anti-inflation campaign to the people have been stopped cold by a small clique of "wage-freezing" advertising executives.

A couple of months ago representatives of Leon Henderson's Office of Price Administration visited Chester La Roche, head of the Advertising Council and told him of the plans to publicize the anti-inflation drive, according to an article in the May 25 issue of Space & Time by David Munro.

The Advertising Council could have done some-

thing worthwhile, including as it did a number of prominent advertising executives, and having in its possession about \$100,000 collected from advertising concerns allegedly for the fight against the Axis.

## ALTER GOVERNMENT COPY

A series of anti-inflation ads were prepared by La Roche, as head of the Council, to arrange for insertion as advertising.

Nothing happened.

After 16 days the advertising copy came back to Washington.

La Roche had changed the government copy, incredible as that sounds.

He wanted the government not only to change its advertising but its anti-inflation program.

La Roche insisted that "wage-freezing" be included in the government's program and thus in the advertising copy.

This action by La Roche threw a monkey-wrench into the government's anti-inflation publicity cam-

paign. The price fixing order which the advertising was supposed to explain in advance became effective on May 18, but there was no publicity campaign.

La Roche had insisted on making "wage-freezing" part of President Roosevelt's program. Many leading publishers and some advertising leaders, however, have condemned the efforts of the Advertising Council to control the spending of millions of dollars of advertising for the sale of war bonds and stamps.



**Blind War Worker:** Working in the Waltham Watch Co. as an inspector of fuse parts, Madeleine Brooks, Waltham, Mass., who has been blind for 26 years. Verena, a seeing-eye dog, is her constant companion.

## New 'Sound Effects' in Congress Urged by Union

(Special to the Daily Worker)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 5.—AFL stagehands and motion picture operators yesterday moved to change cast and sound effects on the nation's congressional stage in the fall election.

They urged the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods

to unite for a "Vote for Freedom" campaign which would sweep out every Ham Fish, Sen. Brooks, Rep. Day and Poll-Tax Smith from future roles in the life and death struggle of the country.

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stagehands and Motion Picture Operators in convention here also:

(a) endorsed the President's 7-point plan;

(b) urged joint CIO-AFL action on the President's Labor Victory Board and urged even further unity for "effective prosecution of the war";

(c) supported labor-management production committees;

(d) proposed a united labor political program to "defeat the appeasers";

(e) pledged its 40,000 members to salvage vital war metals and join the nationwide scrap campaign.

Interest today at the convention, expected to end tomorrow, centered on election of two more years, was forced by a delegate revolt because many of the incumbents were associated with imprisoned former president George Brown and his lieutenant Willie Brown.

William Bennett of Washington, D. C., stage hands, appeared as the most likely opposition candidate to Richard P. Walsh, who is now president. Another opposition candidacy, that of Vincent Jacob, appeared to fade away.

Russell McNight, a west coast laboratory technician, is making a bid for the first vice-presidency and Harold V. Smith, also of the West Coast, is opposition candidate for the seventh vice-presidency.

Steven D'Amico of Local 306, New York, is opposing the incumbent secretary-treasurer Louis Krause.

One of the steps taken by the convention was to insert a constitutional clause barring any members who have been convicted and sentenced to a penitentiary term of a year or more, from serving as local or national officers or filling vacancies by appointment.

Vigorous speeches for a complete break with those associated with the imprisoned were made by D'Amico, McNight, Ben Sher, President of Local 306 and others.

**James W. Ford to Talk in Columbus Monday**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 5.—James W. Ford, nationally known leader of the Negro people and of the Communist Party will be the main speaker at a "Second Front" rally here Monday, June 8, 7:30 P. M. at the Masonic Temple, corner Miami and Long Streets.

## Beck Says War Only Issue for Teamsters

By Ellen McGrath

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PORTLAND, Ore., June 5.—Labor's determination to go all the way in winning the war was forcefully expressed by Dave Beck in a keynote speech to 238 delegates representing 150,000 members at the Western Conference of Teamsters here.

Beck is international vice-president of the Teamsters Union and president of the Western Conference. The conference drew delegates from 11 Western states which now lie within the theatre of military operations.

"The true test of our ability as labor unions will be measured in this hour of national peril by the way we contribute to the welfare of the masses and all people in America," Beck said.

"We share the responsibilities with our government, in alliance with free people of the world, to maintain democracy and freedom and the right to worship God as conscience dictates."

Beck was interrupted with a spontaneous burst of applause in a dramatic expression of the overwhelming patriotism of the delegates when he said:

"I say to the people of America, to labor, that we are going to contribute to the cause of victory with every single thing necessary to contribute, down to our own lives."

Referring directly to turnover in labor from peacetime to wartime pursuits, Beck said:

"If a milk wagon driver, a taxi-driver, or any other member of our union in an industry not directly associated with national defense find employment in the air plane factories or the shipyards, I say to that man 'get off your job and go down there and help your government.'"

Full participation of teamsters in Red Cross drives and in purchase of war bonds was urged. On civilian defense, Beck said:

"Go back home and call upon your people to serve as block wardens, serve in every capacity you can find to serve."

Referring to tire shortages, Beck urged slower driving and careful operation of cars to conserve rubber and parts.

Direct aid to farmers in harvesting the crops was urged by Beck.

"Go back to your homes and by voluntary labor and every other method help market the crops to help feed the people."

Beck's clear-cut position of cooperation between farmers and labor was in sharp contrast to the attempt of John L. Lewis to win farmers to his appeasement policies to hamper the war program of the United Nations.

Beck referred directly to a news report from Seattle papers that the operator of the Ambassador Apartments in that city war production center had announced the large apartment would be closed since federal authorities had invoked regulations.

Beck drew attention to the fact that Seattle is unable to house defense workers and added:

"A man or woman who would do such a thing in this hour—and the press can carry this too—belongs in a concentration camp."

Beck warned delegates that difficult days are ahead.

"No one knows how long the war will last. We do not know what sacrifices it will take to bring to a victorious conclusion the rights of free people."

"I only know that I am speaking for everyone of you when I say there is no sacrifice we are not prepared to make to win."

## Local Wins Court Fight Over Lewis

As representatives of the bulk of the national membership of District 50, United Mine Workers met at Washington to free themselves from the grip of John L. Lewis, New York Local 12165 scored a court victory which declared invalid the revocation of its charter.

The decision brought hurrahs in 30 chemical, cosmetic and coal by-product shops in the New York area under contracts of Local 12165. Involved is the control and administration of those contracts.

Neither president Charles Schroeder or Sam Machlis the vice-president, were available for comment as both were at the Washington meeting.

Attorneys Milton Paulson and Abraham L. Pomerantz, of the union, commenting on the ruling handed down by Supreme Court Justice Bernard L. Shientag, declared the decision is an "important setback to Mr. Lewis's practice of punishing locals which refuse to serve his personal political vendetta with President Roosevelt."

"The local," they declared, "has consistently refused to knuckle down to the isolationist policy of Lewis. On the contrary, it has endorsed Mr. Murray's support of the President's war program."

The judge ruled that revocation of the charter was illegal because the local received no prior notice of the Lewis move.

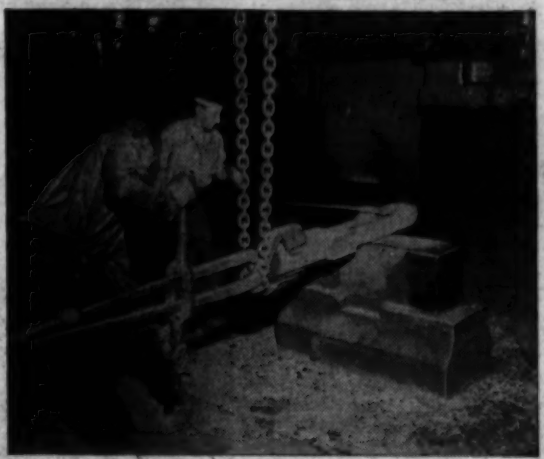
The first indication the local had of the Lewis action came when a gang of District 50 "goons" armed with a sheriff's order, came with a van to the offices of the local and seized all its furniture and files. Since that time the Lewis men by threatening to invoke the closed shop provisions of contracts, have forced several shops to break away from the ousted local. They have succeeded in breaking away only five of the shops.

The court order is expected to return to the local's jurisdiction the collection of dues from employers where the check-off is in effect.

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## Curran Is U. S. Delegate To World Maritime Parley

President Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union will leave for London within the next ten days to attend a United Nations maritime conference, The Pilot, N.M.U. official paper, said yesterday.

The conference was called by the International Labor Office, an international clearing house on labor problems, and sponsoring the meeting which is scheduled to open June 23. Curran will attend as the CIO's official representative, The Pilot said.

Problems to be taken up at the meeting include improvement of safety measures; manpower supply for United Nations vessels; improved coordination of war shipping; an international basic wage and a survey of probable post-war problems.

Representatives of the Maritime unions of all of the United Nations, shipowners and government officials will attend the meeting.

The present conference is an outgrowth of a meeting of the maritime section of the ILO in Washington last November. At the final session which was held at the White House and addressed by President Roosevelt, it was decided to have a United Nations conference this year.

## Making Labor History

# Red Caps Join CIO; Placed on Executive

The United Transport Service Employees of America, comprising 6,000 Red Caps in about 75 terminal locals throughout the country, has just been taken in the CIO as an international union, the first Negro body to be admitted to the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Willard S. Townsend, president of the UTSEA, was at the same time elected to the General Executive Board of the CIO, marking the first time in the history of the American labor movement that a Negro has attained such a position of leadership.

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, headed by A. Philip Randolph, became an affiliate of the AFL several years ago, but the union has never had a representative on the Executive Council of the AFL.

It was not until four years ago, after a bitter struggle with the railroad companies, that the Red Caps obtained the status of employees of the railroad industry. This fight, led by Leon N. Despres, Professor of Labor Law at the University of Chicago, culminated in the 1938 ruling by the Interstate Commerce Commission that Red Caps were employees of the railroads and would be paid by them.

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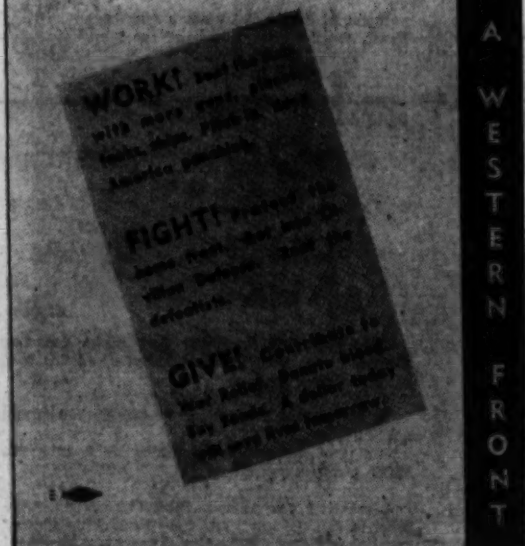
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## ALL OUT FOR VICTORY!



Reproduced above in leaflet issued by the Greater New York CIO Council calling for a western front to achieve victory this year.

# Million CIO Leaflets Say: 2nd Front Now

The Greater New York CIO Council Thursday night, acting on a series of proposals for introduction at the State CIO Convention at Syracuse June 19, called for "immediate opening of a second front" and for American-Soviet Union Committee.

Latter resolutions were: Unqualified support of President Roosevelt's seven-point economic program and practical union action to implement it; establishment of joint AFL-CIO state and municipal Labor Victory Committees patterned after the President's national body; a pledge to seek the defeat of all candidates who oppose the government's war policy; and a protest against Attorney General Biddle's order to deport Harry Bridges.

Noting that New York has less than 5 per cent of the nation's war orders, and that slow conversion is boosting unemployment the Council proposed joint action by Paul V. McNutt's Manpower Committee and other war production agencies to bring more war work into the state

and utilize its immense idle labor power and resources.

In addition to supporting the CIO's Committee for American and Allied War Relief, the Council adopted a special resolution asking all state affiliates to participate in aid to Russia days June 25, 26, 27. It endorsed the Soviet Aid Committee headed by Alfred E. Smith, and urged President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia to proclaim June 22, the anniversary of the invasion of the Soviet Union, as Aid to Russia Day. Grover Whalen, chairman of the Mayor's Committee for the "New York At War" parade on June 13 and Col. Charles E. Rayens, in charge of arrangements for the Army, addressed the council. They gave a description of the parade plans and the big part the "soldiers of production" will have in it.

The vast army of labor contingents will follow the First Division, headed by Major General Thomas A. Terry.

Both were accorded a prolonged ovation by more than 200 delegates. Acting Chairman I. Rosenberg assured Mr. Whalen of a large turnout

of CIO unionists, and full cooperation on arrangements. Distribution of a million four-page illustrated leaflets calling for a Western Front against Hitler's armies was begun yesterday by the Council, through its 250 constituent unions.

Under the title of "All Out for Victory," the leaflet, which was issued by the Win the War Campaign Committee of the CIO Council, sets forth the "Work! Fight! Give!" program of the Council and urges full participation of the people in the June 13 New York At War Day parade sponsored by Mayor LaGuardia's Committee on Mobilization.

The leaflet says: "The Russian army is smashing at Hitler along 2,000 miles of Eastern front. The people of the occupied countries are outwitting the Gestapo and hitting at Hitler's heels. They wait for a signal for a general uprising. Our war production is over the hump and gathering speed. Our planes are the best. Our soldiers are raring to go into the decisive battle."

We've got the ships and the men to sail them across. The people of the United Nations are filled with fighting heart. Let's go!

Answering the "What's My Part?" question of the individual, the brochure states:

"The spirit of victory starts at home and reaches to the battlefield. The fighting heart of the people is the will to win and it must beat in one in the home, on the production line and under the soldier's coat. The democratic call for offensive action is the basis of triumph. It is the encouraging word behind the fighters and the leaders of the fighters."

"Raise your voice and swell that encouraging word to overwhelming volume. Join the mighty demand and drown out the propaganda of appeasers and defeatists who would give Hitler and the Axis a stalemate victory. Let the world know that you are determined to wipe fascism from the face of the earth. Work! Fight! Give! And urge the United Nations forward on a Western front!"

## Biddle Knifing Our War Program, Say Educators

Leading educators and churchmen throughout the country continue to assail Biddle's edict against Bridges. Expressing viewpoints ranging from "regrettable" to calling the deportation order an "aspect of the general struggle against Hitlerism" the commentators unanimously agree that this knife thrust imperils the nation's war program.

Here are some of the statements: In the opinion of Professor Dirk Struik of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Frederic Bridges from undeserved persecution is now an aspect of the general struggle of the United Nations against Hitlerism."

Frederic Melcher, Editor of Publishers Weekly and President of R. R. Bowker Co., publishers, analyzing the spontaneous public protest to the Biddle decision, declared:

"That the order of the Attorney General was received with such a gasp of surprise by the whole country, indicates to me that majority opinion has in the two or three years of discussion, arrived at the position of Dean James M. Landis (Presiding Inspector in the first hearing who ruled in favor of

Bridges—Ed.) and not that of Mr. Biddle."

Professor Mitchell Franklin, Professor of Law, Tulane University:

"The impression has been created by the order for the deportation of Mr. Bridges that Mr. Biddle has set himself in opposition to Mr. Roosevelt's plea for national unity in waging war against fascism. Mr. Biddle's order directed against a leader of the labor movement which is the very heart of the war effort seems to represent a revival of the spirit of appeasement which resulted in the catastrophe of Munich."

"The revocation of the order to deport Mr. Bridges would be a triumph in the battle for national unity and in the struggle to weld the nation into the single will that Hitler be destroyed. This singleness of purpose is going to be attained under the leadership of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Wallace and cannot be blocked by any one official. There is nothing in Mr. Biddle's previous history to indicate that he too should not wish to aid in the attainment of this common American will."

Dr. D. L. Harris, noted pathologist, of St. Louis, Missouri:

"The decision in the case of

Harry Bridges is most regrettable. It is in direct conflict with the President's desire for unity. It casts a dark shadow over the confidence of intelligent men and women working for national morale and victory. In my opinion, reconsideration by Attorney General Biddle is urgently needed."

Bishop Edward Lambe Parsons, San Francisco:

"The Attorney General's decision in the Bridges case is most untimely and regrettable. It is a blow to all loyal labor and to the unity of war efforts to which Bridges is contributing effectively and sincerely. I join with others in asking for reconsideration."

Dr. H. M. Belden, Columbia, Missouri:

"I am grievously disappointed and disturbed by the Attorney General's order for the deportation of Bridges, especially in the face of the unanimous contrary findings of the Immigration Board. With the Russians fighting our battles for us and Bridges' native country crying to us for help, this is no time to violate our age old tradition of freedom, of opportunity for the underprivileged, of protecting the rights of the common man. If not for these, what are we fighting for?"

## Sun Shipyard Jim-Crow Plan Denounced

Separation of shipbuilding workers into white and colored crews "leads inevitably to misunderstanding and antagonism and frequently to differentials in working conditions." It was asserted yesterday by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a letter to the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company at Chester, Pa.

The letter, addressed to Joseph G. Pew, president, said the Association "views with concern" the announcement that the company will hire 9,000 Negroes in separate crews. This is diametrically opposite to the principles for which our country is fighting, the Association said.

The NAACP made clear that it does not question the importance of the proposal to the 9,000 Negroes who would be hired. It stated, however, that the plan may be in violation of the President's Executive Order, 8802, which specifically bans discrimination in war industries. Developments of the last few months during which white and colored Americans have begun to work side by side on an equal basis in plants in the North and South are most desirable, the NAACP said.

"All Americans are fighting in a common cause to preserve the democratic way of life here and in other parts of the world," the Association stated, pointing out that segregation is undesirable and would make it easier, when production is cut, to shut down the plant in which the segregated group is working, but that if the members of the minority are integrated into a plant along with workers of the racial groups, discrimination would not be as easy.

## IWO Donates \$300,000 to War Relief

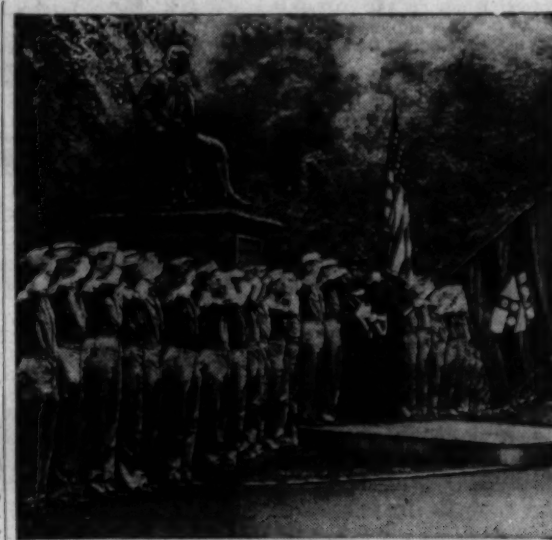
Three popular books will lead off the monthly gifts being sent to members, sons and husbands in the armed services by the International Workers Order, it was announced by the IWO yesterday. The books are: "The Copperheads," novel about Civil War defeatists; "Dawn Breaks," a story of the Czechoslovak underground movement; and "Mission to Moscow" by former ambassador Joseph E. Davies.

One thousand members of the IWO are already in the armed forces. Since last September over \$300,000 has been contributed directly by members of the IWO for war relief agencies through the Front Line Fighters Fund by members and friends of the IWO. Gifts from the International Workers Order Front Line Fighters Fund have been warmly received by Australian troops in Palestine, according to a recent dispatch from the New York Times from Jerusalem.

The Aussies, according to the account were "grateful for the gifts," and particularly welcomed the expressions of sentiment which accompanied them. The gifts consisted of cigarettes, razor blades, one handkerchief, a tube of toothpaste and a greeting card from the IWO.

### Dies in Crash

BOSTON, June 5 (UP).—Second Lt. Richard Marshall Stafford, 23, of 12 Minor Hill Rd., Summit, N. J., was killed today when his pursuit plane crashed at Windsor Locks, Conn. It was announced here at First Corps Area headquarters.



From Campus to Camp: Some of the 55 youths who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania are shown being sworn in as second lieutenants in the U. S. Army in front of the College Hall in Philadelphia. They studied in the Reserve Officers Training Corps for four years.

## Lehman Names Bendix Auto June 8-14 As Flag Week

ALBANY, June 5 (UP).—Governor Lehman, proclaiming the week of June 8-14 Flag Week, declared today that the national standard "calls us today to prove that united we stand and ever will stand."

"Our country is engaged in a war to preserve the liberties of which the flag of the United States is the glorious symbol," he said.

"Americans on the battlefield of the world and here at home are fighting, sacrificing and working in a determined effort that the freedoms won and preserved for us by our forefathers shall not perish from the earth."

He directed that the flag be displayed for the week on all state buildings and all business firms and homes fly it "as a public expression of love of our country, national unity and allegiance to our national emblem."

## China Relief Total Reaches \$3,500,000

United China Relief attributed part of the success of its current national drive to the contributions of 22 topflight industrial executives who are giving time and talent to China's cause. Paul G. Hoffman, national chairman, declared in his first progress report yesterday.

Mr. Hoffman reported that 1,815 cities have been organized throughout the country and that out of these, 109 have included United China Relief in their community chest campaigns. Funds received to date total \$3,500,000. A million and a half has been received from chest quotas. In 309 communities where executives are active, \$1,000,000 has been collected.

The executives come from banking, petroleum, rubber and other manufacturing industries, Mr. Hoffman reported.

\$10,000 from May Day

Pay Given to War Relief

Dressmakers of Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union have turned over more than \$10,000 to allied war relief from their May Day earnings. This announcement was made by ILGWU vice president Charles S. Zimmerman at a meeting of active union members in Manhattan Center.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SOUTH BEND, June 5. — The ousting of Philip Murray from the Executive Board was "intended to promote disunity and discord within the labor movement," Bendix local 9 of the CIO United Auto Workers declared this week.

The local pledged its "unqualified and wholehearted support of Philip Murray," and denounced the action of John L. Lewis. Lewis has caused disunity and discontent within the labor movement by encouraging organizational raids on the UAW and other CIO unions and by promoting defamatory campaigns against R. J. Thomas and Murray, said the resolutions assailing Lewis' "lip service" to the just war against the fascist aggressors.

## Toland, House Naval Group Counsel, Dies

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP).—Edmund M. Toland, prominent capital attorney and general counsel for the House Naval Affairs Investigating Committee, died at his home here last night of a heart attack. He was 43.

He has been investigating naval contracts for the House Committee for more than a year. He first became prominent in government affairs during the NRA, when he was a member of the arbitration board for the motion picture industry.

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## They're Saying In Washington

By Adam Lapin



## Defeatists Plan to Block Rations; Rep. Rankin Talks About Hangings

—Daily Worker Washington Bureau  
—Washington, D. C., June 5

THE latest defeatist strategy is to stir up discontent with rationing and other economic measures and regulations necessary to win the war. They apparently feel that they can exploit this issue while hypocritically "supporting" the war effort.

Senator Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith of South Carolina opposed rationing with a statement which came very close to the border-line of treason in time of war. Cotton Ed described himself as a "conscientious objector" to rationing. He declared that the "American people aren't going to stand for it, and I don't blame them." Cotton Ed said that the people will "rise up" and say: "Were willing to fight a war, but we aren't going to fight a war right here, so now you go and stop all those rationing orders."

George Riley, columnist for Mrs. Eleanor (Clay) Patterson's defeatist Washington Times-Herald, contributed his bit by describing the Office of Price Administration which is in charge of price control and rationing as a "new WPA" whose main objective was simply to build up a big political machine for the New Deal.

John L. Lewis's United Mine Workers Journal has been sniping away at both rationing orders and price control regulations.

An editorial in the May 1 issue of the UMW Journal on price control concluded on the note that "the American people proved their ingenuity during the days of Mr. Volstead to circumvent enforcement legislation. The brilliant minds that learned producing and distribution methods of those days still dot our geography, and we can expect a certain segment of our public appetite to satisfy a partial fulfillment of its desires." This looked very much like a public invitation for violation of price control and rationing orders.

The danger of this systematic drive to undermine rationing and price control is that the defeatists are receiving support from reaction-as-usual members of Congress. It will require firm action by Leon Henderson's OPA against all violations and real cooperation by the people to block this defeatist strategy.

REP. JOHN RANKIN of Mississippi has suggested a little hanging for those members of the Supreme Court who refuse to sustain Attorney General Biddle's order to deport Harry Bridges. As a matter of fact, Rankin is no adrease to hanging, or at the very least impeachment, for those members of the Judiciary who refuse to go along generally with his fascist interpretations of the Constitution. Apparently he wants to apply the lynching technique to national politics.

This Mississippi poll-taxer is notorious for his vicious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro speeches on the floor of the House and for his close associations with many fascist leaders. Last August he was reported to have conferred several times with George Paganelli, editor of the pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic Christian Defender. He was said to have advised Paganelli to label this a Jewish war and spread it around the country. Rankin thought, of course, that Biddle's decision was great stuff. He inserted generous chunks of it in the Congressional Record, and declared that it is the duty of Congress "to defend men like the Attorney General when he comes to the defense of the country as he has done in this case."

But Rankin was apparently worried that the Biddle decision would not stand up in the courts. "If these radicals fail to intimidate the Attorney General into submission," he said, "they may train their guns on the Supreme Court." Rankin's remedy was simple: "The time may come when it will be necessary for Congress in order to preserve the Constitution, to exercise its powers of impeachment of judges who attempt to set that Constitution aside or destroy our Bill of Rights."

Immediately after this impeachment suggestion came the punch line: "Remember that when a radical judge in England undertook to set the English Constitution aside he was tried for treason, convicted and hanged."

Francis Biddle sure has made some strange friends as a result of his Bridges decision.

## CIO Electrical Union Fights Pegler Poison

Acting on an appeal of its Ft. Wayne, Ind. locals, the General Executive Board of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, endorsed a campaign to rid communities of the poison propaganda of Scripps-Howard columnist Westbrook Pegler.

The GEB here urged all its locals to join in this campaign.

At Fort Wayne the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods have put the spot-light on William J. Goss, editor of the News-Sentinel, which prints Pegler's column. A resolution of the local CIO council there, asked Attorney General Francis Biddle to investigate Goss' activities since he openly admitted that he has "four operatives" in the ranks of labor. The Fort Wayne resolution further pointed out to Biddle that Goss was a member of Verne Marshall's "No Foreign Wars Committee" and cited that the Department of Justice has already begun action against Social Justice for similar disruption of the war effort.

## To Train Minute Men For City Bond Sales

Thirty "Minute Men Universities" have been staffed to train Treasury Department community representatives for the greatest canvassing job in history, Greater New York's \$1,900,000,000 War Bond Pledge Campaign. John T. Madden, campaign chairman, announced yesterday.

In one hour, each of 200,000 Minute Men and Women who are expected to take the course, will be shown how to greet his neighbors and regularly their pledges to buy bonds and get them sold bonds or stamps.

The training centers which will be established in centrally located public schools will begin their instruction on Tuesday, June 9, and will continue through Friday, June 12. On each of these four days the training course will be given every hour on the hour from 4 P. M. to 10 P. M.

Those wishing to volunteer as Minute Men or Women may go to any of these centers, sign up and receive the hour's training at the same time. Mr. Madden pointed out. The hour's training plus a Minute Man's Compact Kit which each volunteer will receive will enable anyone to do the job.

The War Bond Pledge Campaign will begin at 6 P. M., Monday, June 15, and will continue for ten days.



## IN THIS SPACE

Beginning Monday and appearing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday a new Daily Worker feature

## YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Offering suggestions on best buys in consumers goods with ideas on menus and other household interests

and

## ANOTHER NEW FEATURE

### "Civilian Front"

—A column on civilian defense activities will appear on the opposite page every MONDAY AND FRIDAY



# Hitler's Agent Laval Is Destroying French Nation

• Pierre Laval, Hitler's puppet charged with the exploitation of the French people in the interests of the Axis, has just announced a new program for the further enslavement of the population. It is a program of industrial medievalism.

In ordering 1,300 French factories closed down in order to "liberate" French workers for work in mines and on farms of Nazi Germany, Laval has helped to effect an elaborate system of slave labor.

This latest action is proof that when the Nazis conquer a country they conquer it in a "new" way, for it means conquest that is political, economic and social, a complete dismantling of the industrial basis of modern society.

Laval's new program—carried out at the behest of Hitler—is a program by which millions of Frenchmen are condemned to galley slavery away from their homes, their

families, their accustomed environments. It is serfdom of old, accompanied by the brutal and sadistic exploitation of the mind and spirit which is the special contribution of Nazi imperialism.

Affecting every member of the French community—whether industrialist, worker, peasant, artisan and professional man—Laval's decree enables the world to see once again the hideous face of fascism.

Under the "New Order" we see how the French industrialist and manufacturer lost his factory, the farmer his land, the worker his job and the professional man his clientele. All become slaves at the command of the Nazis and their Quislingites. The cultural values known as civilization crumble into dust.

All this should be a lesson to the people of other countries; it points up once again the need for national unity in the war against the Axis.

## First Time in Six Months

• Six months after Pearl Harbor, the Town Hall of the Air has at last put on its first broadcast to help the war effort. Its program Thursday night over WJZ was turned over to the Office of Civilian Defense.

Until now the Town Hall of the Air has been debating the pros and cons of America's war against the Axis. It has provided a nationwide forum for an assortment of defeatists, appeasers and pro-fascists like Norman Thomas, Felix Morley (the pro-

Laval propagandist) and many others—a policy which the Daily Worker has been exposing and protesting during the past few months.

It remains to be seen whether Thursday night's pro-war forum represents a change of policy by the Town Hall of the Air or whether it is merely a temporary bit of camouflage of the type which the defeatists adopt when the heat is put upon them. It is to be hoped that a real change in policy is taking place.

## CCC, NYA are WAR Agencies

• The appeasers and the reaction-as-usual legislators in Congress have begun a new, intensified drive to kill two vital government agencies, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administration.

The House Appropriations committee's decision to abolish the CCC broadened yesterday into a movement to deny further operating funds to the NYA.

Enemies of the CCC and the NYA have been rending the air with noisy claims that these two agencies were not needed and have been busy reviving the traditional anti-New Deal talk about "boondoggling," etc.

What these gentlemen in Congress desire to conceal is the fact that both the CCC and the NYA are an organic part of the machinery for winning the war against the Axis.

President Roosevelt, Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of this country, has expressed himself unequivocally on this subject and his testimony ought to be sufficient to give the lie to the propaganda of those who seek the destruction of the CCC and the NYA.

Shortly after the Senate Education and Labor Committee opened hearings on the McKellar bill in March, President Roosevelt

stated firmly that he felt both the CCC and the NYA had "a definite place in the all-out war effort," and that he was opposed to the McKellar bill.

Many important government officials, closely linked with the nation's war efforts, took the same position.

The CCC is the most effective defender of the American forests against fires and for flood control. The NYA is a first-class training ground for tens of thousands of youth who become equipped with industrial background which enables them to turn out the weapons to defeat the Axis more quickly and effectively.

There can be no objection to sound changes directed toward centralizing these agencies. But this is not the center of the present fight. The campaign to abolish the CCC and the NYA is instigated by Tories in Congress and inflamed by the appeaser press. These forces seek to conceal the effective contributions of these two vital agencies to the war effort.

The CCC and the NYA are a vital part of the war machinery of this country. In campaigning for their abolition the enemies of these youth agencies are hampering the war drive against the Axis.

## The Wealthy Should Pay for It

• The American people heartily agree that the men in the armed forces should receive adequate pay increases and there is no reason to permit the matter to be dragged out.

On the one hand, most men in the armed forces have some kind of responsibility at home and, on the other hand, it is a fact that huge profits are still being made by the big corporations.

The people and the men in uniform should not be taken in, however, by those defeatists like Senator LaFollette who have jumped on the band wagon of pay increases, while at

the same time opposing the President's tax program which is necessary to finance them.

Appeasers like LaFollette, who pretend to be friends of the soldiers, not only oppose the President's just tax proposals on big incomes, but also seek to put the tax burden on the soldiers' own low-income families back home.

The soldiers and sailors should get adequate pay increases—and the big corporations should be made to pay for it through such tax proposals as advanced in the President's 7-point anti-inflation program.

## Nazi Soldiers Fear U. S. Arms

"Agitation Among German Soldiers," is the title of an article in the current *WORLD SURVEY*, which tells us in part:

Cases of German soldiers deserting their units stationed in Hitler-occupied France, Belgium, Holland, Norway and elsewhere have been increasing in number during the last few months. There are facts at hand of collective opposition, especially among occupation troops in France and Belgium. In France, German soldiers who were due to leave for the Soviet-German front mutinied in Vincennes, a suburb of Paris, and in Havre, in the north of France.

In the Belgian towns of Enche, Alost, Verriers, a group of German soldiers who refused to lose their lives in the "mordkeel" in the east disobeyed orders to leave for the front.

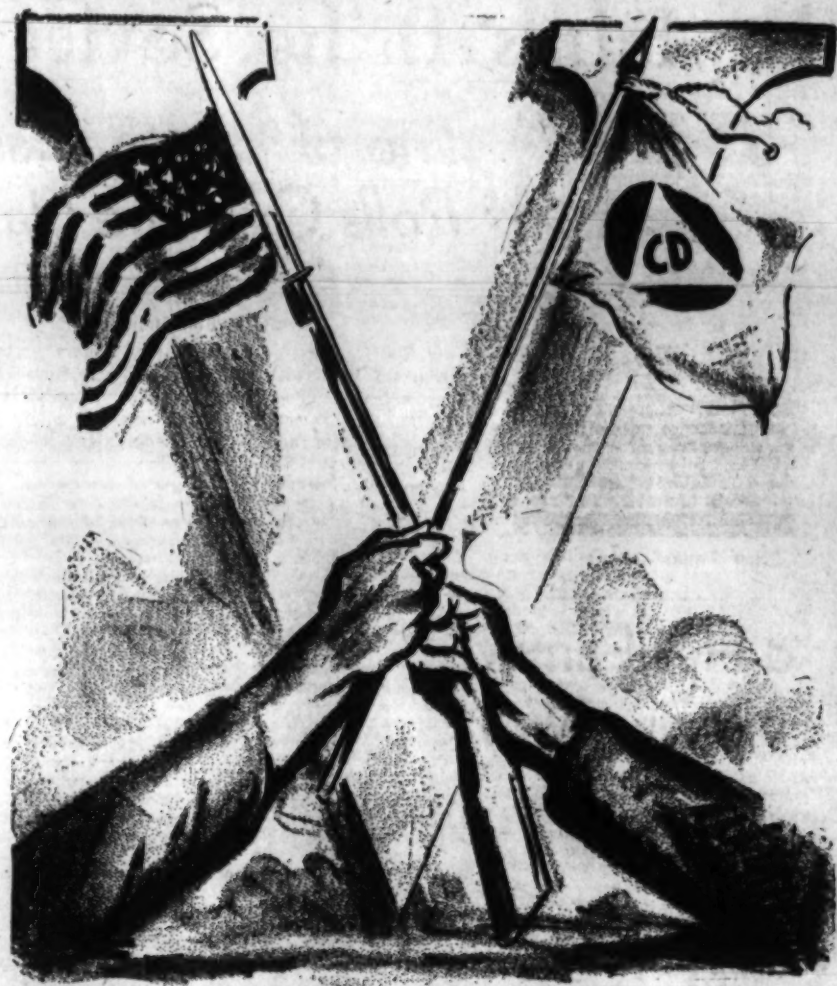
The new gallant fight that the Soviet and Yugoslav guerrillas are waging against the occupationists throws the German soldiers into panic. The very thought that they may be transferred from the occupied countries of western Europe to the Soviet-German front is to return home as speedily as possible, and, failing that, at least to get to France. True, France is by no means the France of a year and a half ago, when the stores were still

stocked with goods, when it was possible to buy everything with valueless occupation marks; things are not so peaceful there today as formerly. Nonetheless, life is not fraught with such danger as in the east. "Russia is not France" is the current phrase in the German army today. But this current phrase characterizes to a certain extent the profound disillusionment of the German soldiers following the unexpected turn the war took for them after Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, the German army is still strong. Taken as a whole, it is still the obedient tool in the hands of the Hitlerite Command.

It is with alarm that the bulk of the German soldiers follow the expansion of the U.S.A.'s great military might—the largest industrial power in the world. And although Goebbels' propaganda is careful to keep the German soldiers ignorant of actual figures showing the sweeping development of America's war production, the reiterated and high-strung polemics of the German fascist press and radio against "Roosevelt's fantastic figures" show eloquently the indelible impression these figures have made on the German population and German soldiers.

## HOLD THEM HIGH



NEWS ITEM: Civilian Defense Week Begins Monday, June 8.

## Social Democrats Fear People's Unity—Their Policy Means Harming Our Victory

By Max Steinberg  
(Second Article)

It appears that among the circles which control the policies of the Social Democratic Federation, the New Leader, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish Daily Forward, there reigns a great fear lest a strong peoples' unity prevail in America.

On Thursday, May 21, two items appeared in the Jewish Daily Forward on Earl Browder's freedom and President Roosevelt's statement; an article by Hilleg Rogoff, the managing editor and an editorial. Rogoff said:

"Earl Browder is regarded by the general public as an ordinary criminal (note the resemblance to J. Parnell Thomas' statement—M.S.) who served a good part of his sentence and if President Roosevelt feels that this is enough punishment he has the full right to free him."

"But the trouble is that the President was not satisfied with merely freeing Browder. He also made a statement. And this has evoked sharp protest on the part of the entire American press."

Note Rogoff's words, "the entire American press." The many newspapers which applauded the President's act are of course not part of the American press. For Rogoff, only those newspapers which red-bait constitute "the American press."

Why does Rogoff lean so heavily on the opposition press? One would expect, a Socialist to be found among the millions of workers and common people who applauded the President's action as a real contribution to national unity. Socialists should base themselves on labor and progressive circles, on the trade unions. Socialists should be found in the ranks of the people and of the working class. Socialists should be in the front ranks of those building unity against Hitlerism, against the defeatists, against the traitors and the red-baiters. In this hour of danger to the nation as a whole and to the working class, but Rogoff based himself on the opposition press and if this press ignored the important speech of Vice-President Wallace, in which he characterizes the war as a peoples' revolution, does it follow that Rogoff and the Jewish Daily Forward should have done likewise?

While everybody knows that the Communists are devoted warriors against Hitlerism in America and throughout the world; while the Communists in France and in Germany are carrying on fearless and

ceaseless battle against Hitlerism, Rogoff's entire article is full of venom, open and slyly-concealed attacks and insinuations against Communists and the Soviet Union—all for fear lest the President succeed in welding national unity of all anti-fascist forces in the war against Hitlerism.

How utterly shameful! They dub Earl Browder an "ordinary criminal" and they oppose the President when he speaks of national unity. When we observe the activities of a section of the leaders of the Social-Democratic Federation a little more closely, we can see the damage that their policies lead to.

They are mobilizing their forces now to maintain a split in the American Labor Party and are calling special right-wing ALP conferences. Through these conferences they are trying to organize the unions under their leadership and the Workmen's Circle against any unity with the half a million organized workers in New York. They will yell "Communism" and "Communists" but in reality they will try to keep the labor movement divided.

They are conducting concealed and open attacks against Russian War Relief in the press, and to this day have not developed any broad action for aid to the Red Army. Dubinsky hurried to attack Russian War Relief some months ago as a "Communist front." Later when labor leaders and important government figures supported Russian War Relief, then Dubinsky too agreed that it is not a "Communist front" and that Russian War Relief is necessary. He rushed into his attack—but when it came to developing a campaign of aid, after he came out in support of Russian War Relief, he didn't hurry at all. Now he is very, very slow; unforgivably slow.

The continuous red-baiting in the ILGWU on any and all occasions—instead of the channelization of all energies into a ceaseless campaign of war action, and the blocking of the workers from labor unity and from becoming the nerve-center of our war effort—herein lies the great danger of their political line. Their red-baiting, divisive activities in the labor movement weaken the peoples' forces and the energetic development of war work. Such a policy can only strengthen the influence of the defeatists and traitors. This can only satisfy Hitler.

It is remarkable! The defeatists and isolationists denounce the name of Hitler. They combat national unity under the mask of "Communist threat." Under the same mask, national unity is combatted by J. Parnell Thomas, of the Dies Committee, Herbert Hoover and their ilk.

President Roosevelt is far from being close to Communism. This is equally true of Senator Pepper, Vice-President Wallace, Philip Murray, William Green, A. F. Whitney. Nevertheless in the present critical hour they call for the unity of all anti-fascist forces. Communism, even its sharpest opponents will recognize, is not an issue. There is one danger today—Hitler and the pro-fascist forces. The issue is unity to defeat Hitlerism—and not Communism.

All people should be concerned with this policy of the Social-Democratic Federation. And the Social Democratic Workers, the readers of the Jewish Daily Forward and the New Leader, must begin to demand an accounting from their leaders. They cannot allow a policy which is harmful to our country and harmful to the struggle against Hitlerism to be pursued in their name.

initiative of the people and yell that the people should not meddle in the war policies of the government, that they should wait for the President to take action. Yet these same elements bitterly attack the President whenever he takes any step in the interests of the people. In this very manner the Social-Democratic Federation, Dubinsky, Charnin, Rogoff and Algenon Lee act now. They too speak of support for the President and his policies. But when the President calls for national unity, so he did in commenting Browder's sentence, they hasten to oppose the President and combat him with the threat of "bringing harm."

What a narrow, sectarian, shortsighted conception of the developments in these war days, of the needs of the people, of the peoples' forces, of the working class, of national interests. They view and measure everybody and everything through red-baiting spectacles. This can only lead to hatred, division and disunity of the peoples' forces, when unity is so imperative. They measure everything in terms of how it can help their narrow party interests. They place their party interests against the interests of the people. Herein lies the danger of the policies of the Social-Democratic Federation; a policy of division instead of unity.

They fear national unity, and oppose it. They combat national unity under the mask of "Communist threat." Under the same mask, national unity is combatted by J. Parnell Thomas, of the Dies Committee, Herbert Hoover and their ilk.

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## 75% of Smolensk Dead and Destroyed

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, June 5.—This is a picture of the once beautiful city of Smolensk after eight months of Nazi occupation. The story was told by a group of former residents who, with the help of Soviet partisans, managed to escape to the Soviet side of the battle lines.

More than 75 per cent of all buildings were destroyed by Nazi bombings last fall.

Of the few that remain some have been turned to dirty, vermin-infested barracks for Nazis. Others have been converted into brothels.

Typhus is raging in the city. Only about 30,000 people are left in Smolensk. The greater part of

the population is doomed to death by starvation.

It is impossible to find work. All enterprises are at a standstill, all shops are closed. The city power station, laundry and bath, operated by Nazis, serves Germans only.

Traffic in the city is permitted from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. The population, however, does not avail itself of even this opportunity. Military patrols and police are always on the streets. Special permits are needed to walk through central thoroughfares even in the daytime.

In April and May the Gestapo carried out mass raids and arrests. The crimes of the fascists knew no bounds. Hundreds of Smolensk inhabitants were shot or thrown into

concentration camps during this period.

A damaged telegraph wire was discovered on one of the city's streets. The fascists seized 15 passersby as hostages and shot them. Three girls halted in front of a railway crossing until a troop train would pass. When one of them said it would be good now to cross the frontier, all three were shot.

Great is the patriotism of the Smolensk inhabitants who know that the hour of liberation is nigh. Recently a group of youths scattered anti-fascist leaflets through the streets. Despite starvation, there is not a single volunteer for work in Germany.



## READERS' DAY

Chicago, Ill.  
Point of Order: Why not a song beginning "East Front, West Front, All Around the Map," etc., etc.? A VETERAN OF THE WESTERN FRONTS OF FRANCE AND BELGIUM, 1917-1918.

P.S.—What makes Chicago Ill? McCormick and the Chicago Tribune of course.

Harry Bridges ain't falling down,  
Falling down, falling down;  
Harry Bridges ain't falling down,  
Oh, Mr. Biddle.

Harry Bridges stays in town,  
Stays in town, stays in town,  
Harry Bridges stays in town,  
Oh, Mr. Biddle.

A. W.

P.S.—Dear Mr. President: how about deporting Francis Biddle from the Department of Justice back to Rittenhouse Square?  
A. W.

Is it true that the war will be won by bullets and not bullets?  
And that the occupied countries are keeping Mr. Hitler plenty occupied?  
SUGARMAN.

I see that the Alliance Book Corporation, publisher of Jan Valtin's "Out of the Night," has merged with the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, publisher of Fantastic Adventures. I suppose the merged firms will now get out something called "The Fantastic Adventures of Jan Valtin."  
A READER.

## They Say...

### Comment on Current Events of Interest

The peculiar responsibility of the labor movement is stressed in the June issue of *THE COMMUNIST*. On this point the magazine says in part:

Together with all patriotic Americans, irrespective of class, race or creed, the working class is joined in the anti-fascist national front for the common objective of smashing Hitlerism and Japanese militarism, for the preservation of the liberty and independence of our country. While it has no aims in this war that are not the aims of all patriotic and anti-fascist Americans, nonetheless labor has a special responsibility. This responsibility flows from the position of the working class in modern society, from the role that labor plays and must play as the backbone of the nation.

The working class is the most progressive class in our country. It is the most progressive class in every country. The working class, the toilers, from the very inception of our nation, have been the most determined fighters for the cause of progress, for the unity, independence and future of our country and people. Every critical period in our history proves this. It was so in the first War of Independence even though then the working class in the modern sense was only in its formative stage. In the Civil War against slavery the working class, already grown in numbers and maturity, played an even greater role. But at that time the working class did not as yet occupy the position that it does today in relation to other classes.

Today, by its very strength of numbers, by its growing political maturity, by its experience, by its aspirations, by its position in the production system, the working class is the most united, the most determined, the most indispensable force in the struggle for our country's independence, for progress and for liberty. It is the most consistent and dependable fighter against fascism. For this reason it has a responsibility for the fate of the nation which it has never before known in all of its long history.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Victory Brigader Writes...

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Through a member of a Negro church in Newark, I was invited to speak on an article in "The Worker." I was given five minutes to speak. When I had finished my remarks the pastor addressing his congregation stated that he read "The Worker" often and that it was a good paper and that he had learned a lot through its pages. He strongly urged his people to buy it before they left the church.

With only 40 adults present and most of them husbands and wives, I was able to sell 20 copies. This example is proof of the tremendous role our paper can play in uniting the people in their struggle to defeat the Axis in 1942. Forward to 150,000 circulation by Labor Day.  
R. B.

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Interview:

## Hub Sees Pollet as His Lefty Successor

CHICAGO, June 5.—Carl Hubbell, the ancient "king" of National League southpaw pitchers, is ready to abdicate and he has picked a successor for the crown he wore so long. Hubbell, who celebrates his 39th birthday June 22, is serving his 15th season with the Giants. He's not the mound magician of old, but still rates as an authority on pitching. Consequently his selection today of young Howard Pollett of the St. Louis Cardinals as his likely successor as the league's outstanding left-hand hurler carries considerable weight.

Here with the Giants for a series against the Chicago Cubs, Hubbell sat in the dugout and talked of the young left-handers in the league. "It's a funny thing about how pitching trends go," Carl said, "for a long stretch when I was at my peak there weren't many good left-handers in the league. Check back and I think you'll find a stretch of several seasons when the only two southpaws good enough to be starters were Larry French and myself. But in the last two or three years it's been different and a lot of good young left-handers have come in during that time. I don't know how you explain it, but it's a fact."

And the best of the rookie southpaw crop? "That's an easy one," Hubbell said, "It's Howie Pollett of the Cards. When he came up last season he was the best looking young pitcher to break into the league during my time and that speaks in right and left-handers. He had a fine fast ball and a splendid curve, but better still was his coolness and pitching knowledge. He didn't look like a rookie. He was only a kid of 20, but he pitched with the bearing of a fellow that had been around in professional baseball for a good many years."

Hubbell was reminded Pollett hadn't been as impressive this year as during the tailend of the 1941 campaign.

"I know it," the Giant star said, "but it doesn't change my opinion of him. I watched him the one game he worked against us and he was having trouble controlling his curve ball. He was letting it go differently than last year and it was hanging on him. However, he should overcome that without too much trouble. Any other nominations to rank behind Pollett?"

"There are two more good ones at St. Louis, Ernie White and Max Lanier, and of the southpaws who came up at the start of the present season Lou Tost of Boston looks very good to me."

Hubbell, the ever reliable "meal ticket" of the John McGraw and Billy Terry managerial regimes, is a "once-a-week" worker now.

"I'd like to take my regular turn every fourth day," he said, "but the arm isn't strong enough for it. I got into good condition down south and then cold weather as we played our way home set me back. Now the arm is beginning to feel good again and I hope to work more often."

## Browns Are Moving Up!

Without fanfare or hullabaloo, the St. Louis Browns are battling their way into a first division berth in the American League. By winning 11 of their last 15 games the Browns have separated themselves from the second division, White Sox, Senators and Athletics.

Although they still are in fifth place, the Browns are only half a game behind the fourth-place Red Sox who once more are having pitcher's cramps. Luke Sewell has done a remarkable job with the Browns, considering that he lost regular shortstop Johnny Berardino, outfielder Joe Grace and a couple of others to the armed services.

The Browns weren't overloaded with pitching prospects this spring but Sewell has Eddison Auker, John Niggeling and Al Hollingsworth pitching winning ball and there are some hopes that Bob Muncie will come around soon. Last week's deal which brought Catcher Frankie Hayes to the Browns has improved the club's punch.

The league is raving about rookie shortstop Vernon Stephens, who is not only a classy fielder but has considerable power. Jimmy Dykes, White Sox pilot, rates Stephens over the Red Sox's highly-touted rookie shortstop Johnny Pesky.

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# Chicago Catholic Bishop Joins Campaign To Lift Ban Against Negro Ball Players

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, Ill., June 5.—The fight to end Jim Crow in the major leagues took on still greater speed in this city today when one of the leading Catholic Bishops of the city joined the campaign to lift the ban on Negro baseball players in baseball.

This is one of the most important developments of the campaign to date, and the involvement of the Catholic Bishop is expected to lead many other Churchmen to active participation in the struggle.

The Bishop who joined in the battle is Bernard J. Shell, the great civic minded Catholic prelate of Chicago.

Speaking to a committee of leading Negro citizens and sports-lovers the Catholic leader put the problem squarely within the worldwide battle to save democracy and our country.

"Of course I am with you," said the Bishop. "This situation is not only a disgrace to democracy but it is harmful to National Morale. I have played ball with some great Negro players who should have reached the Big Leagues. I shall see that our committee meets with Judge Landis. New is the time to show the real American spirit and to demonstrate in action the democracy for which we are fighting."

The committee which waited upon the Catholic Bishop was headed by William Harrison, manager of the Grand Hotel, who is chairman of a larger group organized to fight the ban against Negro Americans in the Big League. Judge Patrick B. Prescott, Jr., was the spokesman of the committee, the other members of which were William L. Patterson of the National Negro Congress, Alderman Benjamin Grant and Attorney C. Francis Stradford, President of the Chicago Council of the National Negro Congress.

The addition of Bishop Shell to the ranks of those fighting to

strengthen the morale of the Negro Americans and to smash through the un-American and subversive forces that up to the present have been successful in barring Negroes from the higher baseball ranks assures the broadening of the struggle. It is a definite indication of the changing times.

The committee formed two weeks ago has been enlarged steadily since that time and will soon visit Judge Landis to demand in person, the immediate lifting of the ban of Negro diamond stars.

This committee is just one phase of the campaign to lift the ban. Already many trade unions have wired Landis to break the bar. The International convention of the United Wholesale and Retail Workers, representing over 100,000 workers throughout the nation, wired Landis 10 days ago.

This week Landis received a telegram from the National Maritime Union, the heroic men who keep them sailing to our Allies in all parts of the world.

## 'Fraternal Outlook' Editors Write Landis to Lift Ban

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis,  
233 N. Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Judge Landis:

The magazine, whose staff addresses this letter to you, reflects the activities and represents the aspirations of 155,000 members of the International Workers Order, a labor fraternal society that welcomes all Americans regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

Foremost among our activities are sports and athletic competition and baseball is high on the list of events participated in by our membership. In our games, Negro and white compete on equal terms and display equal ability and fighting gameness.

In our other activities, as workers and fraternalists, we stand by this creed: "Our sole concern, our every thought and action shall be directed to but one aim—defeat of the fascist enemy."

Since we view this war as we are waging as a struggle for the equal rights of all mankind, regardless of the color of one's skin, we feel it is a shameful travesty on the word sportsmanship that the Jim Crow ban against Negro ball players should still persist in the major leagues when it is a medieval hangover worthy only of Nazi race theory. It is a thing to shun, a symbol of the black forces of discrimination against which we are sweating, toiling and shedding blood.

In the light of these facts, we, the members of the staff of Fraternal Outlook, do hereby call upon you, Judge Landis, to instruct the managers of the baseball clubs under your jurisdiction, to end the Jim Crow ban on Negro ballplayers and to advise them that they may be free to employ any baseball athlete regardless of the color of his skin.

We urge you to do this at once.

Very truly yours,

MAX BEDACHT, Editor

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## Dodgers Beat Cubs in 1st, 6-3.

Wyatt Wins 5th As League Leaders Make It Five in Row Over Chicago for Year

In the first game at Chicago the Dodgers made it five in a row for the year over the Cubs, winning 6-3. Whit Wyatt won seven innings of the long two hours and twenty minutes game and turned over the job to Hugh Casey to finish due to the heat and a slightly tired feeling.

It was the 5th victory for Wyatt against 1 defeat. He's moving now. The Dodgers were off fast against Lefty Olson, scoring twice in the first inning on hits by Vaughan, Reiser and Walker, all left-handed hitters, and a run producing grounder by Medwick.

Dixie's grand running catch off Novikoff in the second with one out prevented trouble, as Merullo, who had singled, was doubled off first.

In the third the Dodgers scored again. Vaughan walked. Reiser lined out to center, first out after six straight hits, and leaving him with 12 out of 15. Medwick doubled to center, scoring Vaughan. It was the twelfth consecutive game in which Ducky has hit safely, and his 33rd run batted in.

The Cubs rocked Wyatt for a pair in the fourth via four straight hits. With one out Cavaretta, Nicholson and Russell singled and Novikoff doubled. With men on second and

third Whit got Stringer and Medwick made a good catch on McCullough to leave the score 3-2. Wyatt himself sent in another pair of Dodger runs in the fifth, doubling to left to score Herman, who had singled, and Owen, who had walked. Reiser drove Whit over with a single to left.

Casey took over in the eighth. He was socked for one in the ninth when Hack walked and Merullo doubled to left but he fanned Nicholson to end the game. The Cubs out-hit the Dodgers nine to eight.

(First Game)  
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Wyatt, Casey (8) and Owen; Olson, Bithorn (6), Erickson (7), Haneysewski (9) and McCullough.

## East Leads West in Track

For the first time in years, the East has taken the lead over the Far West in the list of best performances in track and field, just published in the June issue of "The Amateur Athlete," official publication of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The list puts the East on top in seven events; the Far West in five while the South and Southwest lead in two and the Mid-West in one.

The East moved up with the most "best performances" as a result of the I.C.A.A. championships at Triborough Stadium last Saturday when Leslie MacIntyre of NYU ran the mile in 4:12.2, Greg Rice ran two miles in 9:02.5 in a special race, Norwood Ewell of Penn State performed the 220 in 2:03.5 seconds. These performances superseded top marks held by Campbell Kane, of Indiana, in the mile; Leroy Weed, of U.S.C., in the two-mile, and Leo Tarrant, of Alabama State, in the 220. In addition Alfred Blois, the Georgetown giant, bettered his own season's best in the shotput.

Cornelius Warmerdam, of the San Francisco Olympic Club, has the top mark in the pole vault with his world-record leap of 15 feet 7 1/2 inches.

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Doerr, Boston	38	154	19	59	.382
DiSkey, New York	35	150	19	58	.386
Spencer, Washington	45	158	23	68	.431
Hassel, New York	36	138	21	44	.324

Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	Per.
Phelps, Pittsburgh	31	123	18	51	.414
Reiser, Brooklyn	37	145	24	51	.352
Owen, Brooklyn	31	93	18	31	.332
Lonamane, Cincinnati	31	126	13	27	.217
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HOME RUNS	RUNS BATTED IN
Williams, Red Sox 15	Williams, Red Sox 34
York, Tigers 13	DiMaggio, Yankees 45
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Doerr, Red Sox 3	York, Tigers 48
Camilli, Dodgers 3	Miss, Giants 48
Marshall, Giants 3	

## Personalities:

## Gordon Socking a Surprise—in Reverse

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## Yanks Rout Indians 6-3; Gomez Wins, Is Hurt

### SCORES

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

(First Game)

Boston	000 002 000—2 7 1
Cincinnati	001 000 002—3 6 2

Javery and Lombardi; Vandermeer and Henesley.

(Second Game)

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Cincinnati	000 000 000—6 9 0

Earley, Wallace (1), Salvo (4), and Mast; Starr and Lamane.

Philadelphia	301 000 011—5 12 5
Pittsburgh	020 000 400—6 8 1

Heerst, Pearson (7), and Livingston, Warren (8); Klinger, Heintzelman (1), Diets (8), and Lopez.

New York at St. Louis, 8:45 CWT.

(Third Game)

Chicago	100 010 000—2 8 1
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Humphries and Treash; Terry, Brown (9) and Conroy.

St. Louis at Philadelphia, 9:00 EWT.

DETROIT at Washington, 9:00 EWT.

## Lefty's Knee Banged by Line Drive at Stadium; Breuer Takes Over in Fourth

The Yanks, as is their wont, met the challenge of their "closest" competitors with a crushing victory yesterday at the Stadium. They beat the Cleveland Indians 6-3 in the opening game of the series and knocked the losers out of their second place tie with the Detroit Tigers, who are eight and a half games off the pace. The Tigers met the Senators at Washington last night.

Lefty Gomez, the unpredictable, was wild and staggering through until he was smacked in the knee with a line drive in the second as the Indians scored two runs. They settled down till the fourth, when the swelling of his knee compelled his retirement for Merv Breuer, who finished well. Gomez received credit for the victory, his second.

The Indians had filled the bases in the first via a Rismuto error, a single and walk, but Gomez pulled through. Then the Yanks went to work on Lefty Al Smith with three runs in their half of the opening frame. Crosetti led off with a single, and after Hasset's retirement, Di Mag also poked a one baser to left, sending Frankie to second. Keller and Gordon walked, forcing Crosetti over, and Rosar delivered a double to left to score two more.

In the second Gomez walked Mack and Hegan to start the frame. Smith sacrificed and then Boudreau shot his liner off Gomez's knee. Lefty recovered the ball and fired it wildly to the plate trying to head off Mack, both runners scoring on the error, making the score 3-2.

The Yanks widened the margin in the third when Keller and Gordon opened with singles, Rosar hit to Keltner, whose throw home to get Keller was too late, and Rismuto singled to send Gordon in with the second run. For Gordon it was the 21st consecutive game in which he had hit safely.

Steve Gromek pitched well for the Indians till the eighth, when he went out for a pinch hitter. The Indians got a run off Breuer in the fifth to make it 5-3 when Heath dropped a pop double in left and Fleming singled.

The Yanks got that back in the eighth of Embree when Breuer, Hasset and Henrich singled, the latter's blow driving in a run. It was the 16th consecutive game for Hasset.

In the 9th, Henrich pulled one of his copyrighted catches, leaping into the air in front of the right field bleachers to rob Hath of a home run.

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